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Daniel Cosío Villegas  
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Dear Dr Villegas:

Your secretary, I believe, kindly let me have an appointment to see you on Monday, April 29th at eleven o'clock and I am looking forward to it. I thought, however, that it might be appropriate to introduce myself and my subject of research beforehand. I am neither student (although I do take courses at Harvard University) nor a historian, but a poet and writer. Quite by chance in my reading of Mexican-American history I have become interested in the San Patricio Batalion as an area of study and research. Before I came across your helpful article in "Research In Mexican History" I was going to the libraries and amassing what information I could--Biblioteca Nacional, Hemeroteca, etc. Also I have run into a few charming coincidences such as meeting quite by accident descendents of the Batalion living in Mexico.

Grateful for the suggestions in your article I spent a few days at the Benjamin Franklin Library going through Hispanic American History Review and the Handbook of Latin American Studies. They do not stock Latin American Research Review. And I see by them that I have practically virgin territory? Or do I? It can't be that it's only a somewhat touchy subject, or that it has been considered and been abandoned for various reasons which perhaps you can assist me with.

And so, if I am not impinging too much on your time, I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,

*Miriam Jane Siporin*